

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

A complete listing of the claims is as follows:

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) An article of clothing comprising:

an inner portion, adapted to fit snugly to a wearer, comprising at least one connecting band extending along at least one limb of a body of the wearer;

an outer portion, adapted to fit more loosely to the wearer, positioned over the inner portion and being movable relative to the inner portion;

the inner portion and the outer portion are assembled to one another by the connecting band extending along at least one limb.

Claim 2. (*Original*) An article of clothing according to claim 1, wherein:

the outer portion covers the inner portion completely.

Claim 3. (*Original*) An article of clothing according to claim 1, wherein:

the connecting band is located in a friction zone of the article of clothing.

Claim 4. (*Original*) An article of clothing according to claim 1, wherein:

the connecting band is made of an elastic material.

Claim 5. (*Original*) An article of clothing according to claim 3, wherein:

the connecting band is made of an elastic material.

Claim 6. (*Original*) An article of clothing according to claim 3, wherein:

the article of clothing includes two legs and the friction zone is a crotch area of each of the two legs;

the connecting band is located along the crotch area of each of the two legs of the article of clothing.

Claim 7. (*Original*) An article of clothing according to claim 6, wherein:

the article of clothing is shorts.

Claim 8. (*Withdrawn*) An article of clothing according to claim 6, wherein:

the article of clothing is pants, the two legs of the pants adapted to extend along substantially an entirety of respective legs of the wearer.

Claim 9. (*Withdrawn*) An article of clothing according to claim 1, wherein:

the article of clothing at least partially covers an upper portion of the body of the wearer and comprises at least one sleeve and at least one torso portion;

the connecting band extends along a medial surface of each sleeve.

Claim 10. (*Withdrawn*) An article of clothing according to claim 4, wherein:

the article of clothing at least partially covers an upper portion of the body of the wearer and comprises at least one sleeve and at least one torso portion;

the connecting band extends along a medial surface of each sleeve.

Claim 11. (*Withdrawn*) An article of clothing according to claim 9, wherein:

the torso portion of the article of clothing comprises a connecting band associated with the sleeve in at least a zone of the torso portion adjacent the sleeve.

Claim 12. (*Withdrawn*) An article of clothing according to claim 1, wherein:

the article of clothing at least partially covers an upper portion of the body of the wearer and comprises at least one sleeve;

the connecting band extends along an outer surface of each sleeve.

Claim 13. (*Withdrawn*) An article of clothing according to claim 4, wherein:

the article of clothing at least partially covers an upper portion of the body of the wearer and comprises at least one sleeve;

the connecting band extends along an outer surface of each sleeve.

Claim 14. (*Withdrawn*) An article of clothing according to claim 1, wherein:

the article of clothing comprises a substantially tubular collar surrounding a neck of the wearer;

the article of clothing further comprises an at least partially elastic snugly fitting inner portion, and a more loosely fitting outer portion at least partially covering the inner portion;

the inner and outer portions of the collar are assembled to one another by a common connecting band extending along a rear portion of the collar.

Claim 15. (*Withdrawn*) An article of clothing according to claim 4, wherein:

the article of clothing comprises a substantially tubular collar surrounding a neck of the wearer;

the article of clothing further comprises an at least partially elastic snugly fitting inner portion, and a more loosely fitting outer portion at least partially covering the inner portion;

the inner and outer portions of the collar are assembled to one another by a common connecting band extending along a rear portion of the collar.

Claim 16. (*Withdrawn*) An article of clothing according to claim 12, wherein:

the connecting band of the neck comprises an extension of the connecting band of the sleeve(s).

Claim 17. (*Withdrawn*) An article of clothing according to claim 14, wherein:

the connecting band further extends at least in a median portion of the back.

Claim 18. (*New*) An article of clothing according to claim 5, wherein:

the article of clothing includes two legs and the friction zone is a crotch area of each of the two legs;

the connecting band is located along the crotch area of each of the two legs of the article of clothing.

Claim 19. (*New*) An article of clothing comprising:

an inner portion, adapted to fit snugly to a wearer, comprising at least one connecting band extending along at least one limb of a body of the wearer;

an outer portion, adapted to fit more loosely to the wearer, positioned over the inner portion;

the inner portion and the outer portion are assembled to one another by the connecting band extending along at least one limb.

Claim 20. (*New*) An article of clothing according to claim 19, wherein:

the article of clothing includes two leg portions, said two leg portions comprising a crotch area;

the connecting band is located in the crotch area;

the outer portion overlaps the inner portion around less than an entire circumferential periphery of said limb;

at least one of the outer and inner portions having a first longitudinally extending edge and a second longitudinally extending edge, said first and second longitudinally extending edges being circumferentially spaced apart.

Claim 21. (*New*) An article of clothing according to claim 19, wherein:

the outer portion overlies the inner portion with an air gap between the inner and outer portions.

Claim 22. (*New*) An article of clothing comprising:

an inner portion adapted to extend in a direction around a transverse periphery of a body part of a wearer;

an outer portion overlying the inner portion along less than an entirety of the transverse periphery of the body part of the wearer, one of the inner and outer portions having a pair of peripherally spaced-apart longitudinally extending edges;

a connecting band connecting the pair of peripherally spaced-apart longitudinally extending edges;

the overlying outer portion is movable relative to an underlying surface of the inner portion.

Claim 23. (*New*) An article of clothing according to claim 22, wherein:

the connecting band comprises a material distinct from and assembled to the inner and outer portions.

Claim 24. (*New*) An article of clothing according to claim 22, wherein:

the connecting band comprises an elastic material.

Claim 25. (*New*) An article of clothing according to claim 22, wherein:

the connecting band comprises an inextensible material or an elastic material;

the inner portion comprises an elastic material.

Claim 26. (*New*) An article of clothing according to claim 22, wherein:

the connecting band is located in a crotch area of the article of clothing.

Claim 27. (*New*) An article of clothing according to claim 22, wherein:

the inner portion is adapted to fit snugly to the body part of the wearer while the outer portion is not fit snugly to the body part of the wearer.

Claim 28. (*New*) An article of clothing according to claim 22, wherein:

a space is located between the outer portion and the underlying surface of the inner portion.

Claim 29. (*New*) An article of clothing according to claim 22, wherein:

both of the inner and outer portions have respective pairs of peripherally spaced-apart longitudinally extending edges.